

THE
ASSOCIATION,
AGREEMENT, AND
PROTESTATION,

OF THE
COUNTIES { SOMERSET,
of DORSET,
CORNWALL,
& DEVON.




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P R O T E S T A T I O N, &c.

I  Hat whereas by the Articles of Association of the Counties of *Cornwall* and *Devon*, it is provided, that a Protestation should be taken by all men of those Counties above the age of sixteen yeares, with a subscription thereunto according to the form agreed on and expressed in those Articles, before the Minister of the Parish, or some other Person or Persons to be appointed in each Parish by the Iustices of the Peace of each County, or any two of them; & all Persons refusing to be forthwith certified to the Iustices of Peace, and secured as Enemies to the peace of the Kingdom: In like manner there is a Protestation here set down agreeable with the former, extending aswell to the Counties of *Somerset*, and *Dorset*, as to those of *Devon* and *Cornwall*, and by the Lords and Commons of Parliament assembled at *Oxford*, recommended to be also taken by the men of *Somerset* and *Dorset*, if they think fit.

2 That his Highnes Prince *Maurice*, or such other person as for the time being shall be Commander in cheif of the Forces in these foure Counties, be moved, that there be two Commissioners of each County, to take the Musters of the said Army, and that the Treasurers give an account monethly to the Committees of each County, of their disbursements, and that concerning the Musters, such other things may be observed as are expressed in His Majesties Proclamation, and Votes passed at *Oxford* 1643. concerning Musters.

3 That there be strict and continuall search in every parish for all souldiers within these Counties, that have at any time bin in pay since these VVarrs, and that they be forthwith sent to recruit the Army, and such as shall refuse be sent to the *Provost-Marshal-Generall*. And no Souldier depart from his Colours without Licence, according to His Majesties Proclamation and Articles; and offenders to be proceeded against according to their merits, and as many more be raised in each County as may recruite the Companies; and that every Foot-Company consist of one hundred, & every Troop of Horse and Dragooners of sixty, and if any Foot-company have lesse then fifty, and of Horse and Dragooners lesse then thirty, then if such Company be not recruited

ted to these last numbers, or more, within a moneth after the Muster, the Officers pay to be detained, and after that, the Company paid and reduced, and the same rule to be held for Pioners, as for Foot-companies.

4 That there be account taken of the Captains, & other Officers, that have had any charg of Armes, how the same have bin disposed, & that by warrant from the Commissioners, there be a generall search for Armes through all the four Counties; that his Majesties Proclamation to this purpose be also pursued; and that the Constables of each parish repaire to every house within the same, & take veiw of them, and give in their account to the High-Constables, who are to bring it to the Commissioners.

5 That the Army be governed according to His Majesties Articles, and that all persons of what condition soever, be held infamous and enemies to the publique peace, that shall raise, or cause any mutinies, or disobedience thereunto, and suffer all severity according to His Majesties Articles.

6 That for the better encouragement of Soldiers to undertake this service, where any person of those foure Counties shall happen to be slaine in the present warre, fighting on His Majesties behalf, or dye in that service, upon whose death any estate, or

estates in Lands, or Tenements, or Hereditaments are determinable in cases where the person or persons are living who held those estates, other estates of the same Lands, Tenements, or Hereditaments, shall be granted again to him or them, to be determinable upon some other life or lives, as neere the age as may be of the person or persons deceased, under the like Rents, Conditions, and Covenants, as were to be performed for the former estates. And where the person slaine, or so dying, held the estate, or estates determinable upon his own death, in such case an estate of equall value shall be granted to his Widdow, Child, or Children in the same Lands &c. upon such conditions as aforesaid, and the refusers to perform such grant to loose the double value thereof, the one half to His Majestie, and the other to the party or parties, who by this Article is, or are to have that estate, and to be imprisoned untill payment. And for those persons of each of the said foure Associated Counties, that shall happen to be maymed fighting for His Majesty in this present warre, and shall not have wherewithall to releive themselves, speciall care shall be taken by the Iustices of Peace of those Counties, that they have some competent allowance out of the common Treasury of the County where they last dwelt, according to the provisions

provisions heretofore made for maymed Souldiers.

7 That the Counties of *Somerset*, *Dorset*, *Devon*, and *Cornwall* being Affiliated together, shall raise an Army for the defence and safety of those Counties, and the rest of the Kingdom, by these proportions following, *viz.* *Devon* to raise 13500. men *Cornwall* 4500. men, *Somerset* 9000. men, and *Dorset* 3000. men, and after that proportion for a greater and a lesser number, and all charges concerning the same Army, shall be borne and discharged by those four Counties according to the same proportion.

8 That the number of ten thousand men, *viz.* 8000. Foot, 1500. Horse, and 500. Dragooners, will be fit to be forthwith raised, by the Counties of *Somerset*, *Dorset*, *Devon*, and *Cornwall*, according to the proportions already Voted, over and besides the Souldiers of those severall Counties, now in Garrison in the same Counties, and the Trained-bands which are to be raised for their defence.

9 That payment shall be made to this Army out of those affiliated Counties for three moneths next after the same shall be raised, according to the same proportion.

10 That His Majestie be moved that towards payment of this Army, providing of Armes, the Train of Artillery, and other necessities for the same

same, there may be allowed the weekly Contributions of those severall Counties, the Fines to be raised by compounding with Delinquents, Monyes to be raised by sequestering of Delinquents Estates, with the Fines of those who have, or shall refuse to attend the Sheriffes of those respective Counties upon their Warrants, since the present Rebellion, to raise the *Posse Comitatus* in those Counties. And that His Majesties Commissioners may Authorize that disposition, and the Delinquents Estates in those Counties be seiled and disposed of by the Commissioners of each County, to the same purpose respectively, and no Commanders of the Army intermeddle with it, without their Authority: nevertheless the Moneys assigned out of the County of *Somerset*, to the Lord *Hoptons* Army, and the Garrison of *Bristol* shall continue without any alteration, untill His Majesty shall settle some other course for payment of the same, and regard to be had of the County of *Somerset* by the other Associated Counties, during the continuance of such payment for a proportionable abatement.

11 That no Sequestration be made after composition made and paid, but by Order of the generall Sessions of the Peace, or other Generall meeting of the Commissioners, by common consent there, unless for new offences.

12 That the weekly payments in all the four Counties be raised with all diligence, and Arrears Collected and accounted for, untill the Towns of *Plimouth, Poole, Lyme, and Wareham* be reduced. And that Committees be appointed in each County respectively, to take the accounts of all Receivers of the weekly payments, which are to be the same that take the Treasurers accounts.

13 That there be provided 1000 Barrells of Powder, and 10000 Fire-Armes, at the charge of those four Counties, according to the proportions before expressed.

14 That the said Army, to be raised by the said four associated Counties, shall not be removed out of those Counties, untill the Towns of *Plimouth, Poole, Lyme, and Wareham*, and such other places of those four Counties, that shall hereafter rise in Rebellion, (if any do) be reduced to their due Obedience to His Majesty, unlesse in case of necessity, as His Majesty by the advice of the Councell of War of that Army shall think fit.

15 That in regard by this Association, the Counties of *Somerset, Dorset, Devon, and Cornwall*, make themselves but as one entire body, therefore as well the charges of the Garrisons within those Counties, as of the Forces thus to be raised shall be cast together

ther, and from the time of this Association, which shall be accounted from the first of *May* 1644, untill God shall blesse this Kingdom with a happy Peace, each County shall bear its proportionable part of the charge, according to the proportions aforesaid.

16 That His Majesty be moved, that severall Commissions be granted to certain Persons of each of those Counties, to authorize an Impresse of Souldiers for this present Service.

17 That if any Minister shall refuse, or Wilfully neglect the solemne Celebration of the Fast appointed by His Majesty on the second *Friday* of every Month, or shall not read the Service & prayers appoynted for that Fast, & being called before a Justice of Peace shall not promise & protest his future conformity, he be forthwith secured, and his Estate sequestred; and the like course to be taken with such Ministers as absent themselves that day from their Cures, unlesse upon sicknes or other cause allowed by two Commissioners or Iustices of Peace; and the like order to be taken with such as shall not read such books, or writings as shall be appointed by His Majestie to be read in Churches and Chapells; and the Constables and Churchwardens are to certifie their defaults to the next Justices.

18 That there be copies of this Protestation delivered

livered out by the Sheriffe at the Sesaions of the Peace of each County, to the Constables of each Hundred respectively, and the Hundred Constables do immediately deliver out severall copies to all the Petty-Constables, which are by the Minister of every Parish Church and Chappell, to be published the next Sunday following after the receipt; and such persons as shall take the same, are to subscribe their names thereunto, before the said Minister, Constable, or Churchwardens, or two of them; and the Ministers & Constables are to give the list, or certificate of their names that take it, and of them that refuse, to the Constables of the Hundred, who are to deliver the same to the Commissioners at the next generall meeting, after the taking, or refusal thereof.

THE PROTESTATION.

I A. B. *doe in the presence of Almighty God, promise, vow, and protest, with my utmost power to maintain and defend the true reformed Protestant Religion, established by Law in this Kingdome, against all Popery, Popish, and other Innovations of Sectaries, and Schismatics; As also His Majesties Person and Rights, against all Forces whatsoever; And in*

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like manner the Lawes, Liberties, and Priviledges of Parliament, and of this Kingdom. And I shall to the utmost of my Power preserve and defend the Peace of the foure Counties of Somerset, Dorset, Cornwall, and Devon, and all persons that shall unite themselves by this our Protestation, in the due performance thereof, and to my power assist His Majesties Armies, for reducing the Townes of Plimouth, Poole, Lyme, and Wareham, and resistance of all Forces of Scots, Invaders, and others, levied under pretence of any authority of the Two Houses of Parliament, without His Majesties consent.

That if the County of Wilts, and City of Bristol^l will enter into this Association, they shall be received with all cheerfullnes.

That His Majestie be moved for a confirmation of the present Union, and Articles.

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